

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2001-485-W/S - ORDER NO. 2001-1142  
DECEMBER 21, 2001



IN RE: Petition for Rule to Show Cause Relating to	)	ORDER GRANTING
Submetering of Water and Sewer Service in	)	LIMITED EXTENSION
South Carolina.	)	AND PROHIBITING
	)	ADVERSE ACTIONS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of National Water and Power, Inc. (NWP or the Company) for a thirty (30) day extension of time to respond to the Commission Staff's Petition for Rules to Show Cause in this docket. Further, NWP requests that the Commission extend this thirty (30) day extension to all respondents in this docket for administrative economy. The Company reasons that, because the responses are due during the holiday season, that it may be difficult to consult with the various respondents in order to formulate answers prior to January 2, 2002, the approximate present due date for the responses to the Staff's Petitions.

We have examined this matter, and while we agree that the holiday season sometimes presents difficulties when attempting to communicate with clients, we do not believe that the full thirty (30) days should be granted. We hold that an extension until January 11, 2002 to respond to Staff's Petition should be granted to all respondent submeterers in this case. This should allow plenty of time to communicate after the holidays about potential responses to the Staff's Petition.

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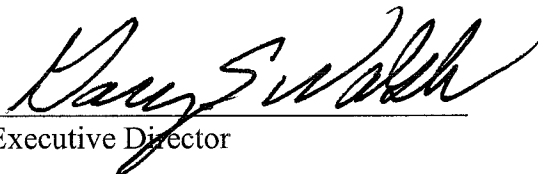
In addition, we hereby order that no submeterer shall be allowed to disconnect water or wastewater service or take any other adverse action against customers/tenants connected with the submetering of water or wastewater pending resolution of this matter by this Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

(SEAL)